

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. In a container for a framed pellicle as an assembly of a container base and a covering mountable on the container base jointly to form an inside space for containing a framed pellicle, the improvement which comprises forming at least the surface layer of the container base and the covering facing the inside space from an inorganic material selected from the group consisting of metals or alloys, glass materials and ceramic materials to form a cladding layer. 15/112

2. The improvement as claimed in claim 1 in which the container base and the covering of the container are entirely formed from the inorganic material.

3. The improvement as claimed in claim 1 in which the cladding layer of an inorganic material is formed only on the surfaces of the container base and the covering made from a plastic resin facing the inside space.

4. The improvement as claimed in claim 1 in which the cladding layer of an inorganic material is formed both on the surfaces of the container base and the covering made from a plastic resin facing the inside space and on the outwardly facing surfaces thereof.

5. The improvement as claimed in claim 1 in which the cladding layer of an inorganic material has a thickness of at least 0.1 μ m.

6. The improvement as claimed in claim 1 in which the metal or alloy forming the cladding layer is selected from the group consisting of aluminum, copper, iron and stainless steels.

7. The improvement as claimed in claim 1 in which the ceramic material forming the cladding layer is selected from the group consisting of silicon nitride, silicon carbide, zirconia, alumina and boron nitride.

ASDAI

007333333 040394